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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 26th, 2021
Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
Online Through Zoom
Greenfield MA 01301

The meeting was called to order by John Griffin at 6:31 PM with the following members:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Griffin
Rachel Lindsay
Erika LaForme
Fletcher Harrington
Travis Drury

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Cassie Tragert (Agent)
Christin McDonough (Alternate Member)
Danielle Bonsanti (21 Spring Terrace)
Chris Malo (44 Freeman Drive)
Wendy Goodman

Note on Meeting Access in light of COVID-19 State of Emergency:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Greenfield Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City of Greenfield website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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6:33 PM Administrative Matters: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/12/2021

Agent Tragert did not provide the 1/12/2021 minutes to the Commission and so the vote for approval was not held.

6:35 PM Public Meetings/Hearings

➤ **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Slope Stability at Rear Linwood Street associated with Franklin County Fairgrounds; (Map: 33, Lot: 16C) DEP File # Not Yet Obtained.**

Agent Tragert informed the Commission that she has requested further preliminary review by DEP and so is requesting a continuance of the hearing to February 9th.

Motion made by John Griffin to continue the hearing to the February 9th, 2021 meeting.

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme.

No further discussion – 5-0-0 – Motion Carries

6:36 PM Enforcement Updates & Other Business

➤ Enforcement updates

- 21 Spring Terrace (Map 65-9) – unauthorized construction within Riverfront Area.
 - Property owner Danielle Bonsanti was in attendance and Agent Tragert provided a review of the violation. An Excavation/Trench permit was issued by the DPW for the driveway paving expansion, however the company hired to complete the permit missed the wetlands check portion and the DPW did not catch the error. As a result, the Commission determined that the property owner took reasonable measures to avoid a violation and no Enforcement Order will be issued. As remediation, the Commission will require that the property owner plant appropriate native plantings along the edge of the driveway facing the resource areas to mitigate the loss of permeable soil within the resource area. Agent Tragert will confirm in the spring that the planting has been completed.
- 44 Freeman Drive (Map 66-51) – unauthorized construction within Riverfront Area.
 - Property owner Chris Malo was in attendance and Agent Tragert provided a review of the violation. It was discovered through the Agent's review of the Building Permit application for the installation of a new bulkhead. The location of the work was within Riverfront Area associated with the Graves Brook and ground disturbance associated with the work had already been completed without review by the Commission. Due to the minimal amount of area disturbed and no history of any previous violations by the property owner, it was determined by the Commission that no Enforcement Order will be issued and no further action is required for remediation as the educational value of attending this meeting is sufficient. Agent Tragert was authorized to issue the Building Permit.
- 286 Plain Road (Map R34-10) – unauthorized construction within Riverfront Area.
 - No updates.
- 637 Colrain Road (Map R35-7) – unauthorized filling of wetlands.



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- No updates.
- Old Wedgewood Gardens - Kimball Drive (Map 48-24) – unauthorized fill of Riverfront Area.
 - No updates.
- 8 Conway Drive (Map 49-24) – unauthorized fill of Riverfront Area.
 - No updates.
- DPW Collaboration in Permitting – Commission review of permits issued by the DPW was discussed and no actions determined.
- RDA for 1-91 Herbicide Application update. – Agent Tragert explained the postponement of the application dsite visit due to weather.
- Pollinator Plan Action Workshop review. – Agent Tragert and Commissioner Lindsay reviewed the discussion at the workshop. Agent Tragert will share future materials with the Commission.
- Summary of Conflict of Interest Law signing. – The annual requirements for acknowledgment by the Commissioners was discussed.

7:20 PM Project Monitoring & Site Visit Scheduling

- List of active Order of Conditions and updates.
 - 195 Mill Brook Road – Solar Project.
 - No updates.
 - 739 Bernardston Road – Center School.
 - No updates.
 - 125 Mohawk Trail – Hotel Construction.
 - No updates.
 - 60 James Street – Single-family home.
 - No updates.
 - Wisdom Way/River Street/Mill Street Intersection (DEP #: 168-0338, Exp. 10/27/2023) – Roadway improvements.
 - No updates.

➤ **Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 9th, 2021**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 PM

Motion made by John Griffin to adjourn at 8:12 PM

Motion seconded by Fletcher Harrington

No further discussion – 5-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Tragert,
Conservation Agent

John Griffin,
Chair